

CHILD PASSENGER PROTECTION EDUCATION GRANTS							
Year	1997(ISTEA)	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Authorization	0	0	0	\$7.5M	\$7.5M	0	0

Program Purpose

Section 2003 of TEA-21 established a new program of incentive grants (under Section 405(b) of chapter 4 of Title 23) to encourage States to implement child passenger protection programs. A state may use these grant funds to implement programs that are designed to (a) prevent deaths and injuries to children; (b) educate the public concerning all aspects of the proper installation of child restraints, appropriate child restraint design, selection, and placement, and harness threading and harness adjustment on child restraints; and (c) train and retrain child passenger safety professionals, police officers, fire and emergency medical personnel, and other educators concerning all aspects of child restraint use.

Eligibility

A State is eligible for a grant by submitting an application to carry out child passenger protection education activities as described above through a State program or through grants to political subdivisions of the State or to an appropriate private entity. A grant may be awarded to a State without regard to whether it is eligible to receive or has received an Occupant Protection Incentive Grant under Section 405.

Funding

Authorizes \$15 million over 2 years. The Federal share of programs funded under this subsection may not exceed 80 percent.

Program Administration

Each State that receives a grant under this subsection must submit a report to the Secretary, at a minimum, describing the program activities carried out with the grant funds. Not later than June 1, 2002, the Secretary must report to Congress on the implementation of this subsection.

This program will be administered by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.